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05NEWDELHI8162	2005-10-20 12:37	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

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SUBJECT: INDIA'S STANCE ON IRAN AND THE IAEA CONTINUES TO AROUSE CONTROVERSY AND OPPOSITION

Classified By: Charge' Bob Blake for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

1. (SBU) Summary: The spate of media and political criticism touched off by the GOI's decision to vote with the US and the EU3 (UK, France, and Germany) has put the MEA in a difficult position. The MEA's position is as follows:

2. (C) On October 13, Indian Foreign Secretary Saran summoned the EU3 (UK, France, and Germany) Ambassadors to discuss potential political solutions to the Iranian nuclear program. Saran's proposals include: - reduce feedstock in Esfahan by 50% (Note: "Feedstock" refers to the gases needed for enrichment and to "feed" the rest of the nuclear fuel cycle); - stop conversion at the U4 stage rather than proceeding to the more advanced U6 stage; and/or - export finished nuclear material rather than storing it within Iran.

3. (C) Our German interlocutor added that Saran emphasized that Iran could become more confrontational if backed into a corner. Saran report that the Iranian position is as follows: But Politics Persist...

4. (SBU) Internal debate on India's IAEA vote referring Iran to the UNSC is also heating up. In a recent London School of Economics speech, Foreign Secretary A. P. J. Abdul Kalam stated that the Iranian Lobbying efforts are aimed at gaining support for Iran's position.

5. (U) Despite the MEA's publicity efforts, it seems Tehran sees a faultline within the GOI and is attempting to broaden that rift. Press reports indicate that the GOI is attempting to broaden that rift.

6. (SBU) On October 19, Iran added another element to the GOI's decision-making dilemma by unexpectedly calling for an October 24 meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors. Comment: The GOI's decision-making dilemma is as follows:

7. (C) The Congress-led UPA Alliance committed itself to the September 24 vote without attempting to garner support from Parliament or political parties. BLAKE